forward to receiving Prime Minister and that a very warm welcome awaited Prime Minister.

(c) In order to strengthen India-US cooperation, both Governments have agreed on steps such as the setting up of a Strategic Dialogue to be headed by External Affairs Minister and Secretary of State; an Energy Dialogue headed by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission on the Indian side and by Energy Secretary on the US side; and a Joint Working Group on Space with State Department on the US side and Department of Space on the Indian side in the lead. On Defence cooperation, Raksha Mantri's visit to the US from June 28-30, 2005 led to greater understanding of each other's concerns and strategic interests. India and the US signed a New Framework for the Defence Relationship. Significant progress has been achieved during Prime Minister's visit to the US from July 18-30, 2005 when Prime Minister and President Bush declared their resolve to transform the relationship and establish a global partnership between the two countries.

Visit of foreign delegation to Indian nuclear sites

407. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the first time a foreign delegation had been allowed full access to Indian nuclear sites;

(b) whether the foreign delegation had also visited the military nuclear installations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) A US delegation had visited India in February 2005 as a part of ongoing India-US cooperation in the field of nuclear safety. The delegation was shown some civilian nuclear facilities.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.